



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Wolfgang HALFBRODT et al. : Group Art Unit: 1614

Serial No.: 09/759,360 : Examiner: Unassigned

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For: 1,2 DIARYLBENZIMIDAZOLES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to calculation of the fees:

In the Claims:

Claims 3-10, 12-14 and 17-24 have been amended as follows:

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3. ~~Benzimidazoles according to claim 1, wherein~~  
~~R<sup>2</sup> means a monocyclic or bicyclic C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl group or a~~  
~~monocyclic or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group with 1-2~~  
~~heteroatoms selected from the group that consists of N, S or O, whereby the~~  
~~mentioned aryl or heteroaryl group can be substituted with up to three of the~~  
~~following substituents, independently of one another:~~  
~~F, Cl, Br,~~  
~~XOH, XOR<sup>4</sup>, XOCOR<sup>4</sup>, XOCONHR<sup>4</sup>, XOCOOR<sup>4</sup>,~~  
~~XCOR<sup>4</sup>, XC(NOH)R<sup>4</sup>, XC(NOR<sup>4</sup>)R<sup>4</sup>, XC(NO(COR<sup>4</sup>))R<sup>4</sup>,~~  
~~XCOOH, XCOOR<sup>4</sup>, XCONH<sub>2</sub>, XCONHR<sup>4</sup>, XCONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, XCONHOH,~~  
~~XCONHOR<sup>4</sup>, XCOSR<sup>4</sup>,~~  
~~XSR<sup>4</sup>, XSOR<sup>4</sup>, XSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>4</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>4</sup>,~~

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